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DETAILED ACTION

1. Newly submitted claims 6, 8-9 and 10, directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: While the invention, as originally claimed, is directed to an acidic protein food or drink, an acidic-soluble soybean protein material and a powder material, newly submitted claims 6 and 8 are drawn to a process of producing an acidic-soluble soybean protein material and newly submitted claims 9 and 10 are drawn to a process of relieving an astringency derived from an acidic-soluble soybean protein. The invention, as originally claimed and as newly claimed are distinct because the acidic –soluble soybean protein material can be made by a different process wherein the one or more salts or saccharides does not have to be added to the acidic-soluble soybean protein during preparation of the powdery acidic-soluble soybean protein. That is, the salts or saccharides can be added after the preparation of the powder acidic-soluble soybean protein.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, **claims 6, 8-9 and 10 are withdrawn from consideration** as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The amendment filed on 23 August 2010 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the claims are directed to a different invention as proved above. Since the

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above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks can be reached on (571) 272-1401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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